



**REGIONAL AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2016**

The Regional Affordability Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2016 in the Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Delia Garza called the Committee Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Delia Garza, (Chair) – City of Austin
Darla Wegner- Del Valle ISD
Ann Kitchen- City of Austin Council
Brigid Shea - Travis County Commissioners Court
Charles Chadwell - Round Rock Independent School District
Ann Teich - Austin Independent School District
Terry Mitchell - Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors
Sherri Greenberg- Central Health Board of Directors
Allen Kaplan- Austin Community College Board of Directors
Ellen Troxclair- City of Austin
Paul Saldana (Vice Chair)- Austin ISD

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved on Committee Member Mitchell's motion, seconded by Commissioner Shea. Approved 7-0-1 with Commissioner Kaplan abstaining and Members Ann Kitchen, Ellen Troxclair, Paul Saldana off the dais.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Bill Oakey, austinaffordability.com, spoke on his Homeowner retention initiative, which is a way for a homeowner to offer shares of their home to investors in order to offset the rising cost of housing.

David King spoke on density bonus and affordable housing programs and noted the lack of oversight of these programs due to resource constraints. He recommended creation of an affordable housing monitor fee for new developments taking advantage of the density bonus programs within the City.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. Briefing on tenant eviction trends within the Austin/Travis County area (Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Austin Tenants Council, Travis County Constable's office)

Representatives from Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, the Austin Tenant's Council, and the Travis County Constable's Office spoke on the eviction process and issues within on tenant evictions within Austin/Travis County. They discussed some best practices around the country, and potential outcomes within the Austin/Travis County area. The representatives then answered questions from the Committee members.

4. Briefing regarding affordability from Liveable City representatives

Liveable City Representatives spoke on their forthcoming Affordability Report, including major themes and results. The representatives then answered questions from the Committee Members.

5. Briefing on the Location Affordability Index as a tool to understand the impact of housing and transportation costs on affordability.

Elizabeth Miller, UT professor, spoke on the Regional Equity Atlases and how it can impact the local jurisdictions. Ms. Miller then answered questions from the Committee Members.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discussion and possible action of short and long term goals related to the strategic plan for Regional Affordability Committee.

Katherine Nicely, Policy Aide to City of Austin Councilmember Garza, facilitated a discussion among the Committee members regarding the finalized list of short and long term goals of the Regional Affordability Committee. The Committee members discussed many areas of interest for the Committee to turn into action items as a result of their previously facilitated discussion.

FUTURE ITEMS

- 1. Discussion of future agenda items.**

ADJOURN

Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m. without objection.